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COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO OUR PREVIOUS APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL
A, MISOFFS CALLED ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION CENTRE EXEC-
UTIVE DIRECTOR SAHLGREN TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION OF THE
CENTRE'S REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO THE U.S. BUSINESS COM-
MUNITY. MYERSON OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY REPORTING ON THE
VARIOUS CONCERNS HE HAD HEARD EXPRESSED AT THE NEWLY-ORGAN-
IZED COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES OF THE U.S. IN-
TERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE REVIEWED OUR OBJECTIONS
AND CONCERNS IN DETAIL AND EMPHASIZED THAT OUR MAJOR INTEREST
WAS TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATE AND EFFEC-
TIVE WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CENTRE AND THE U.S. BUSIN-
ESS COMMUNITY. QUITE APART FROM OUR VIEWS ON THE FORMAL IN-
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TERPRETATION OF SAHLGREN'S MANDATE IN THIS FIELD, WE BELIEVED
THAT SAHLGREN HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING A CO-
OPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE WITH U.S. MULTINATIONALS.

2. WITHOUT CONCEDING ON THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CENTRE'S
PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, SAHLGREN AGREED THAT
FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER

FOR THE CENTRE TO HAVE INFORMALLY CONSULTED WITH THE USG BEFORE HAVING SENT OUT THEIR REQUESTS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND WITH THE USG AND READILY AGREED THAT IMPROVED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS. WITH REGARD TO HIS QUESTIONNAIRE FOLLOWING FROM THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING, SAHLGREN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE WOULD NOT MAKE THIS AN ISSUE AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION COMMISSION. RATHER, HE HOPED TO KEEP THE WORK OF THAT EXPERT GROUP OUT OF THE POLITICAL ARENA. FINALLY, SAHLGREN NOTED THAT HE HAD THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 22 OF THE CENTRE'S WORK PROGRAM BUT DID NOT INDICATE ANY OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT.

3. SAHLGREN HAD NOT AS YET RECEIVED OUR NOTE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL B AND DEALING WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S NOTE OF JUNE 25, 1976, CONCERNING INFORMATION ON CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS. (APPARENTLY, OUR RESPONSE HAS GOTTEN HUNG UP IN THE SECRETARIAT BUREAUCRACY.) AFTER READING A COPY WHICH WE PROVIDED, SAHLGREN SUGGESTED THAT RATHER THAN RESPOND FORMALLY AT THIS TIME, HE WOULD PREFER TO INFORMALLY DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH USG OFFICIALS. MISSION WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS. YOUNG

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